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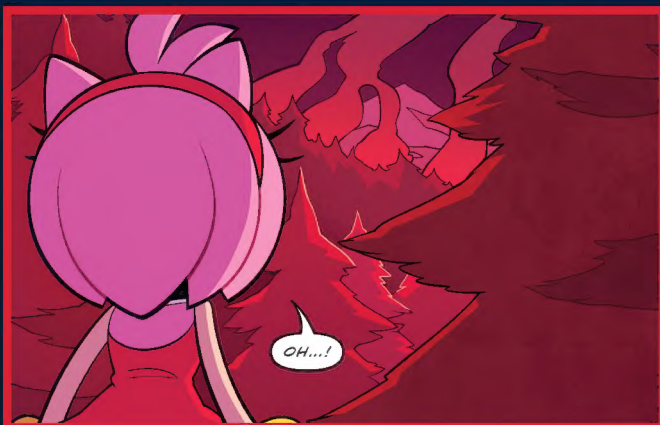
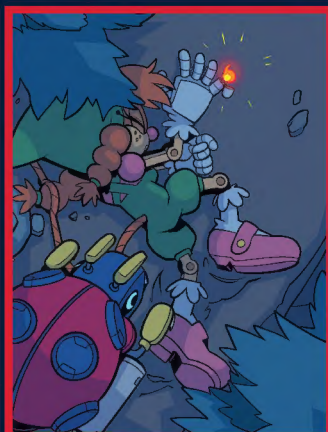


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STORY SO FAR





AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



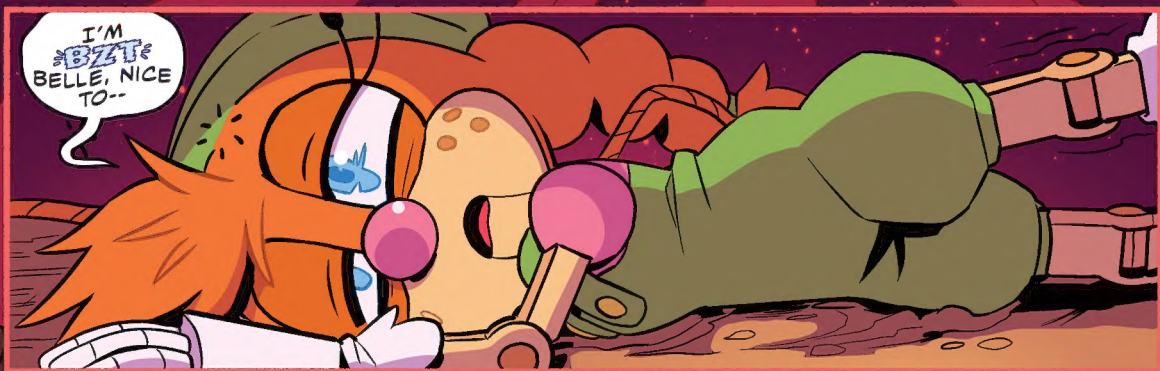
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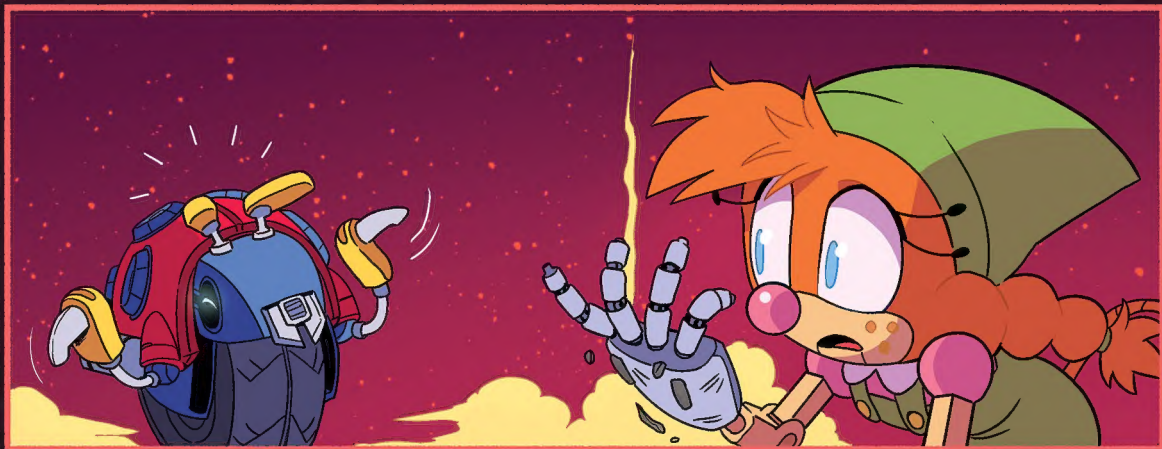
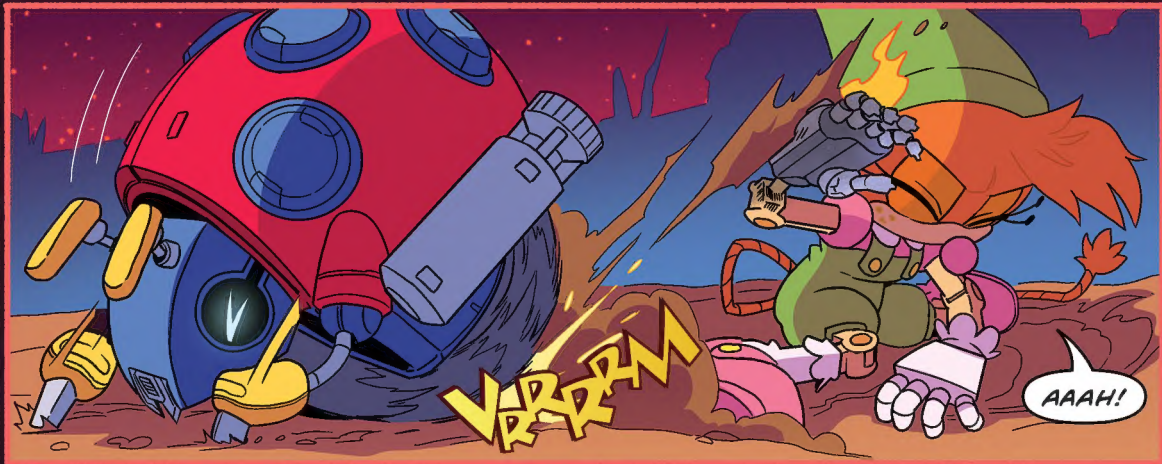
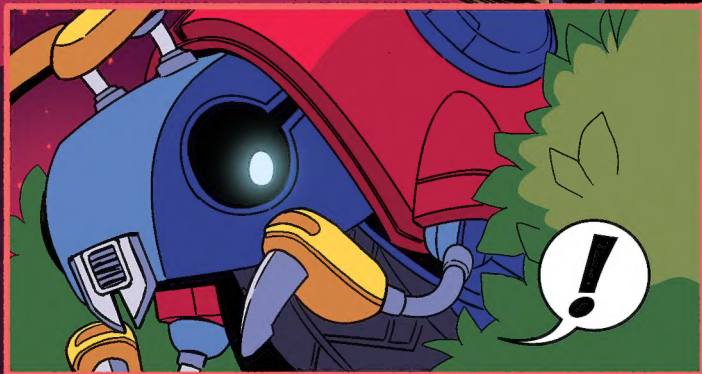
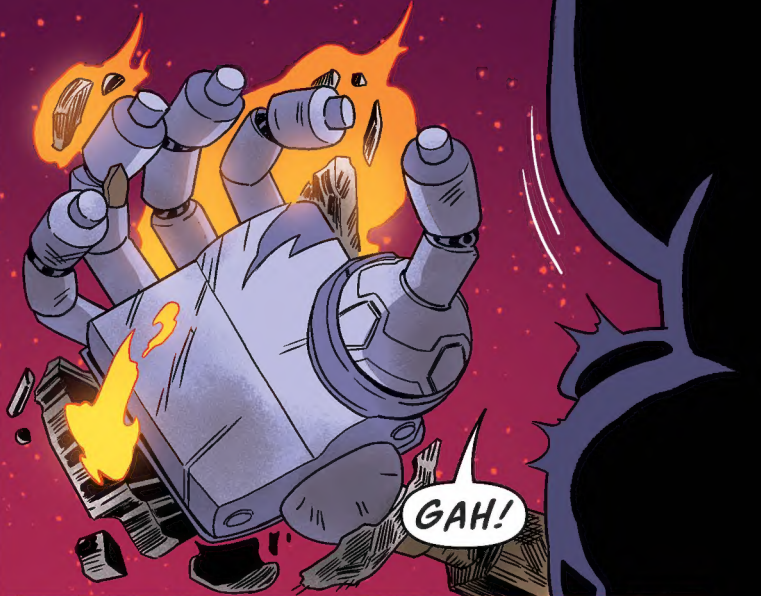
Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic new-comer.

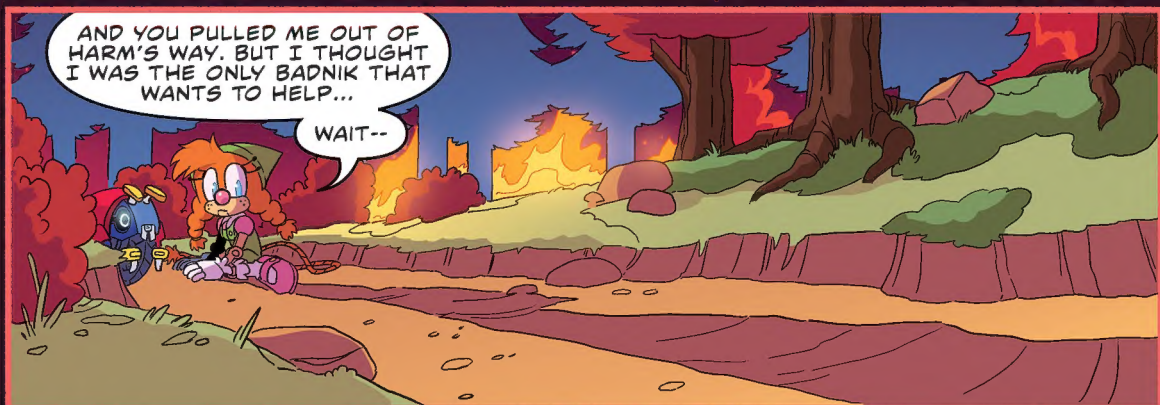
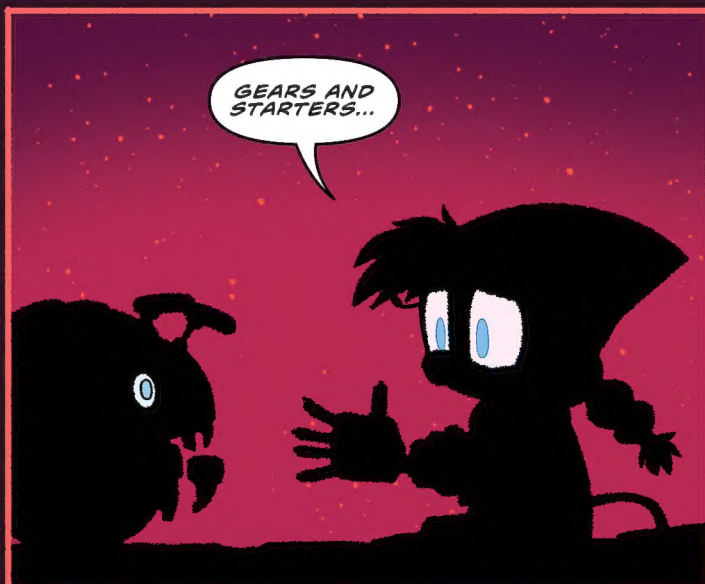


JEWEL THE BEETLE

Restoration Leader.
Tangle's best friend.









THERE YOU ARE!
YOU OKAY?



WATCH
OUT! THE
BADNIK,
IT'LL--

WAIT!



I THINK THE LIL'
GUY MIGHT HAVE
SOME WIRES
CROSSED.

HE
SAVED ME
FROM THE
FIRE.

THAT'S
A BUG I
CAN GET
BEHIND!



WHOA, WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOUR HAND?!

I-IT'S
NOTHING!
DOESN'T
HURT.

IT'S NOT
NOTHING.
GIVE IT
HERE.

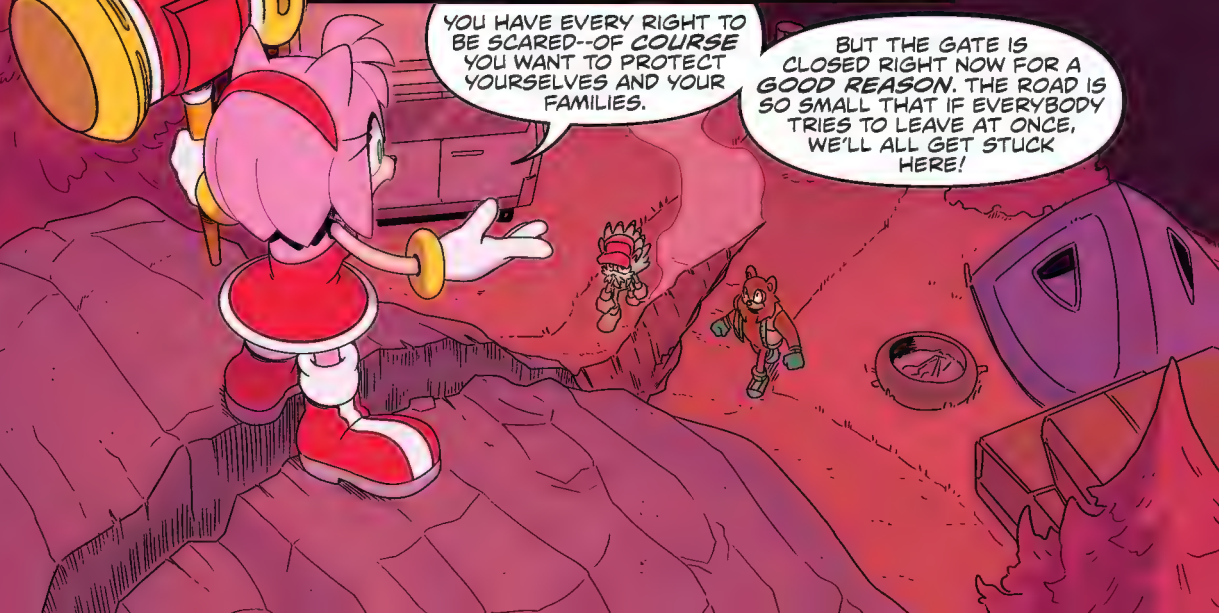
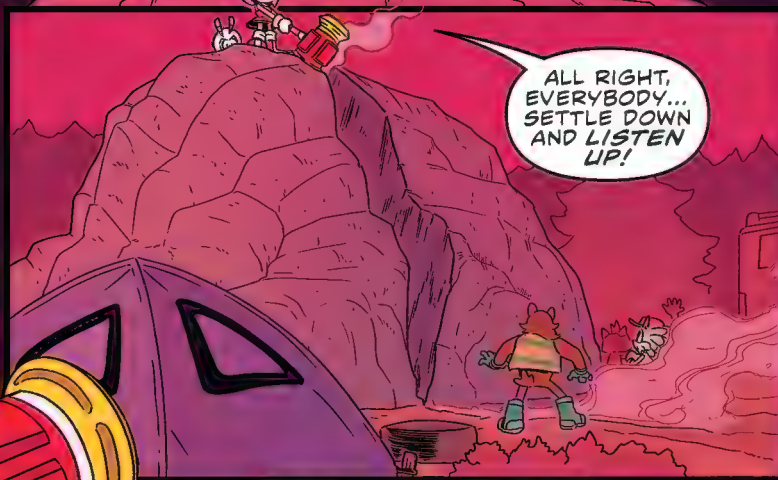


TANGLE,
I THINK I
MIGHT
HAVE--

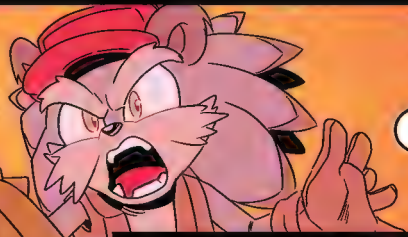
TELL ME
LATER. RIGHT
NOW, WE'VE
GOT A BEAR
CUB TO FIND.







OKAY, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO STOP THE FIRE. YOU GOT ANOTHER PLAN?

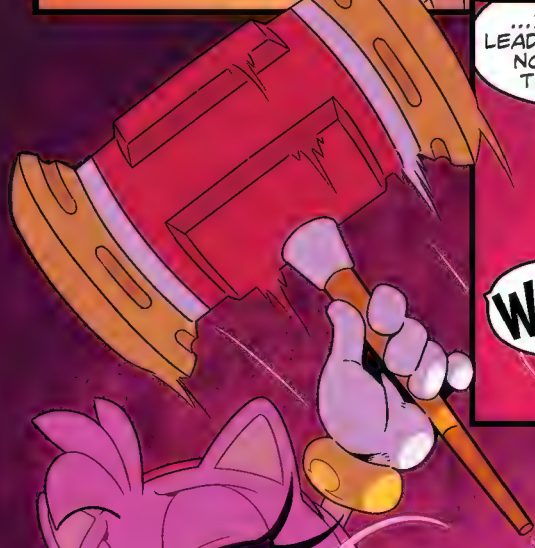


WELL...

...I'M MORE ABOUT LEADING THE CHARGE, NOT FIGURING OUT THE LOGISTICS.



WHAT?!



BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS...!



AUGH!

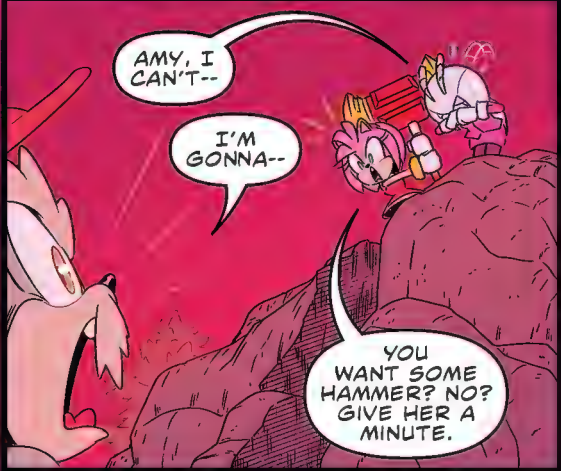


SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN?



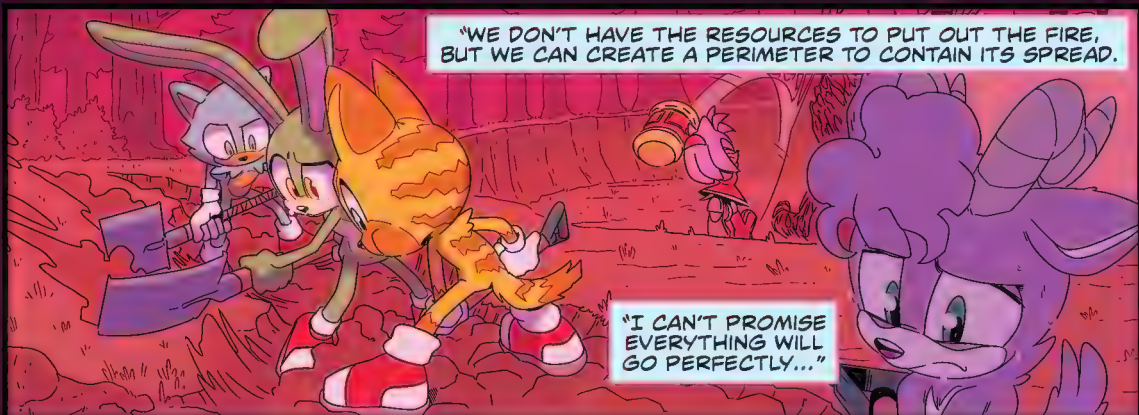
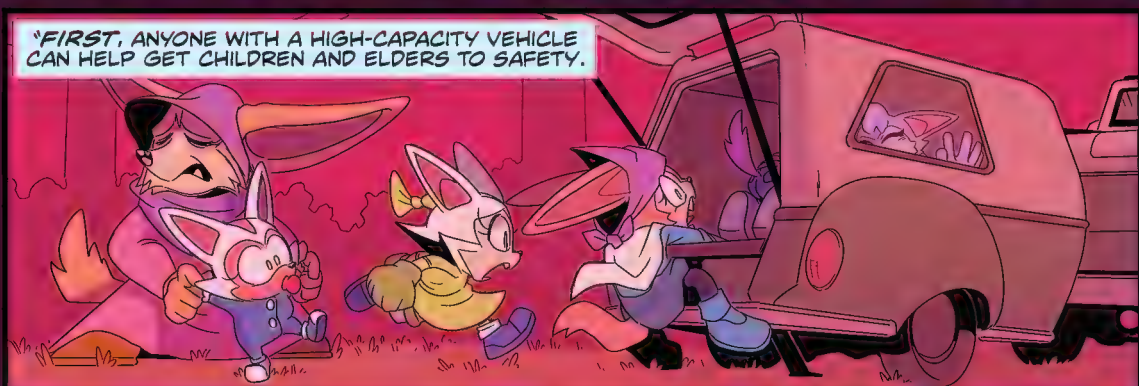
AMY, I CAN'T--

I'M GONNA--



YOU WANT SOME HAMMER? NO? GIVE HER A MINUTE.





"...BUT TOGETHER, WE'VE GOT A FIGHTING CHANCE!"

TANGLE,
ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE OK?



COUGH YEAH,
IT'S JUST KAFFE A
SIDE-EFFECT OF
HAVING LUNGS.

LOOKS LIKE THE
SMOKE MIGHT BE
THINNER OVER HERE.

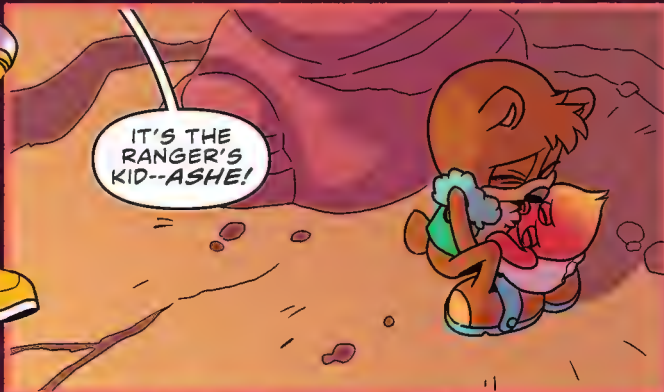


OH,
WOW--

LOOK!



IT'S THE
RANGER'S
KID--ASHE!



WATCH
YOUR
STEP...

I'M NOT
GONNA LET A
LITTLE LOOSE
DIRT STOP--
KAFFE

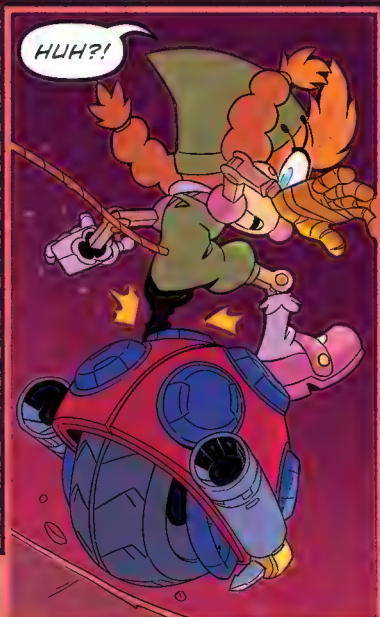
CRUMBLE

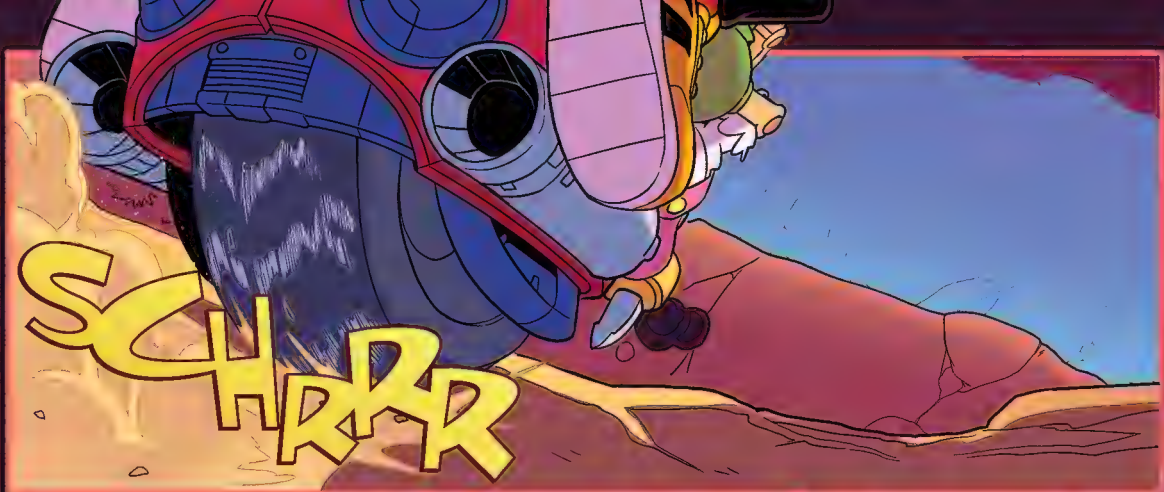


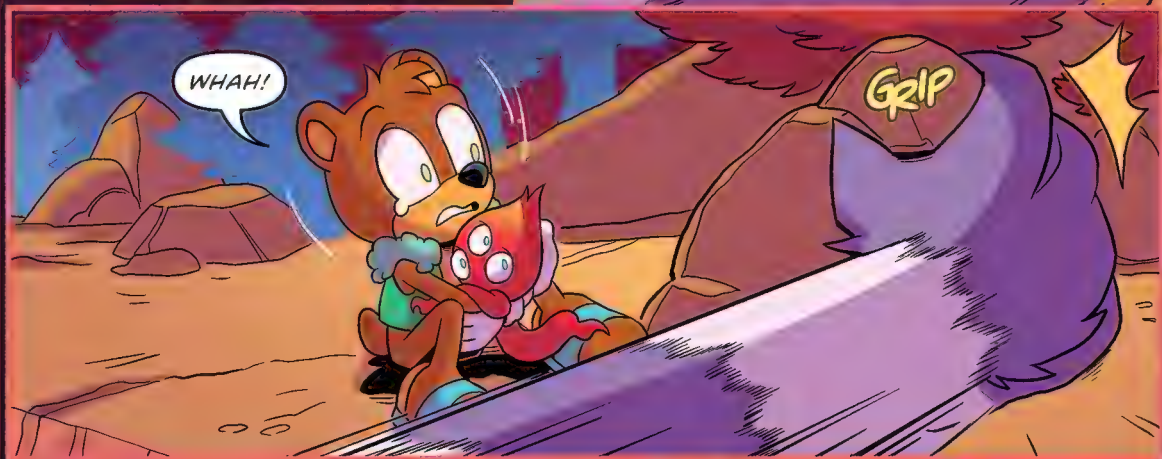
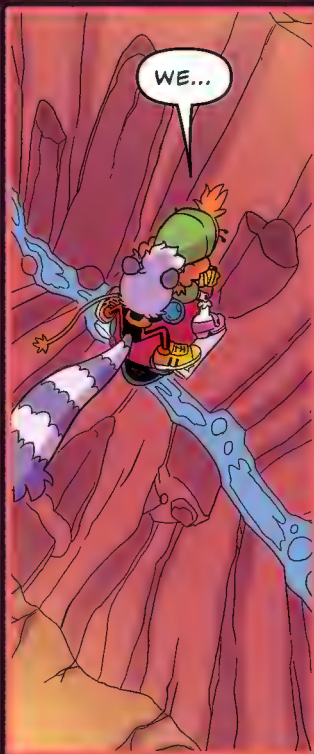
COUGH COUGH
KAFFE SHACK

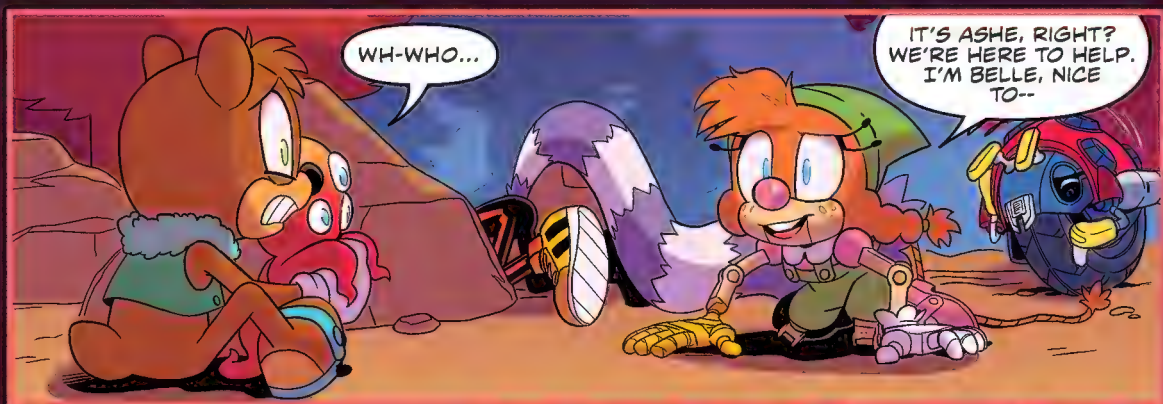
YEEK!













ASHE, WERE YOU OUT HERE WHEN THE FIRE STARTED?

IT WASN'T US! RED HOT AND I WERE GOOD!



SO IT WASN'T ME.



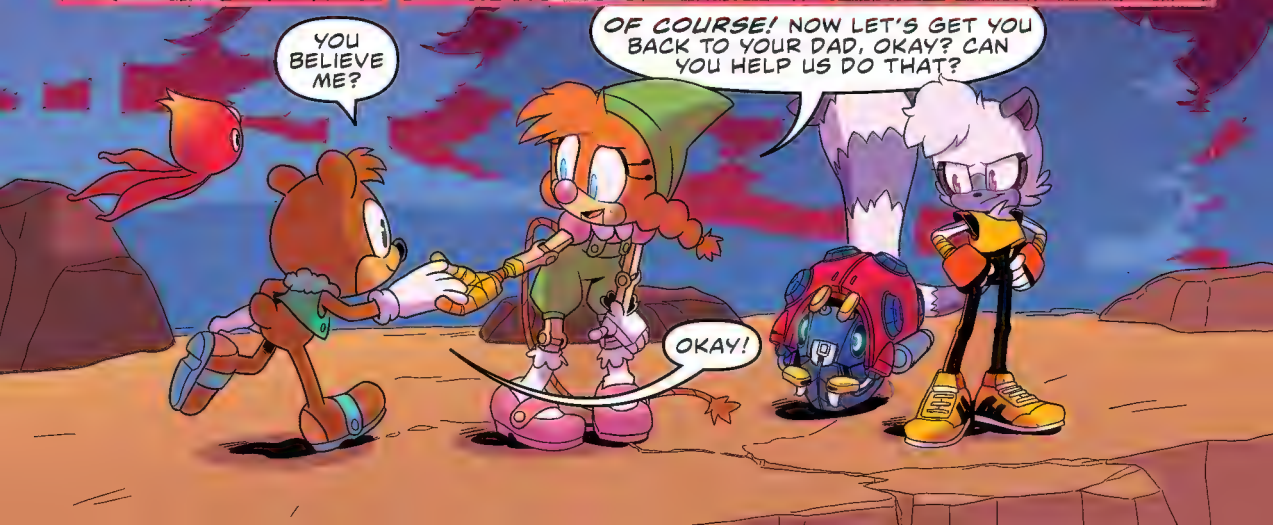
I SAW WHO DID IT. IT WAS A LADY WITH BIG SPIKES AND A BOY MY SIZE.

THE LADY MADE LIGHTNING WITH HER HANDS, THAT'S WHAT STARTED THE FIRE!



A LADY THROWING AROUND LIGHTNING... THAT'S A NEW ONE.

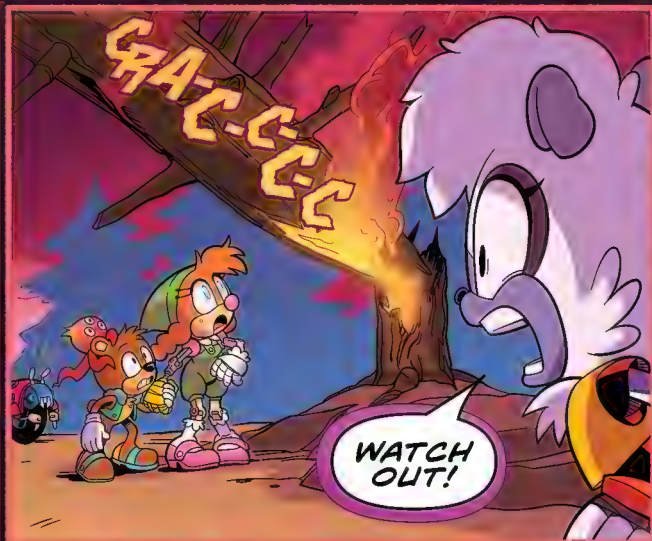
I SAW TWO PEOPLE FITTING THAT DESCRIPTION, TOO, WALKING THROUGH THE FIRE.

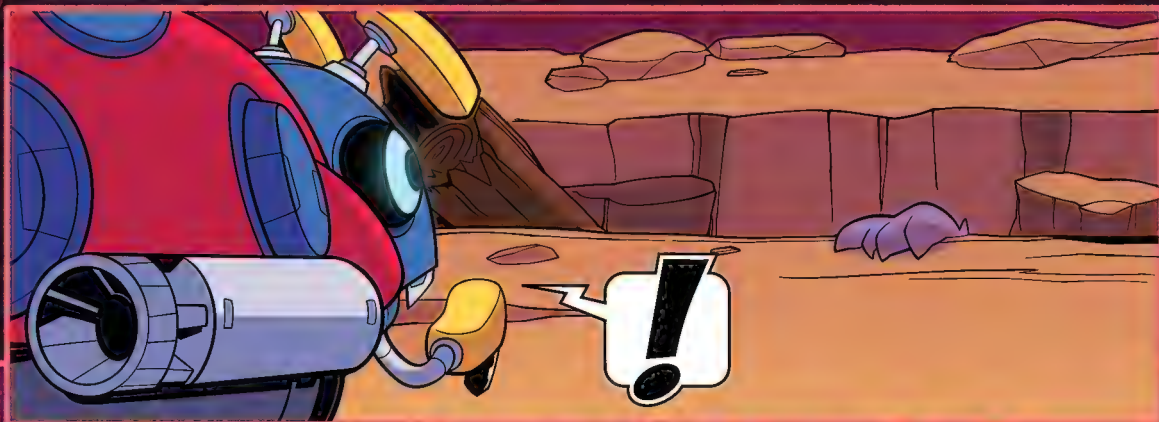
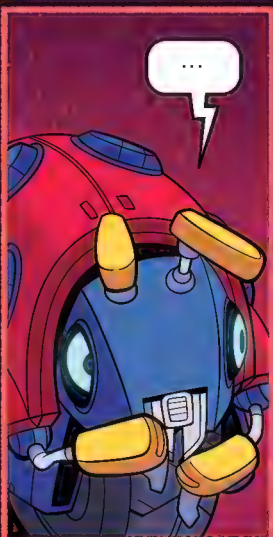


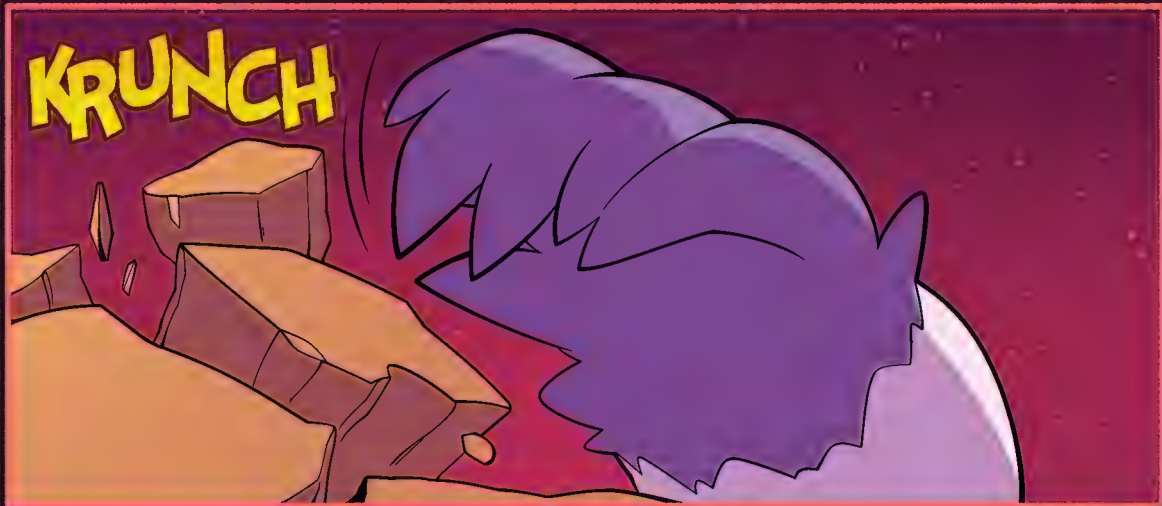
YOU BELIEVE ME?

OF COURSE! NOW LET'S GET YOU BACK TO YOUR DAD, OKAY? CAN YOU HELP US DO THAT?

OKAY!









**NEXT TIME: HAVE A NICE TRIP,
SEE YOU NEXT FALL!**



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



Hi, campers! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Froese, Gigi Dutreix, Reggie Graham, Heather Breckel, and Shawn Lee for the second part of "Trial by Fire"! Now, on to your art and letters!

To IDW team,

Please find below some of my fan-art!

I love your comics and I love Belle. She became my favorite character whose problems of being different and trouble fitting in are things I could identify with. And I love Mr. Tinker—what a kind and gentle old man. He must have been a wonderful dad.

I have been reading the Sonic comics for 15 years now, and while there have been many moments that made me emotional, the ending of "Test Run" totally moved me to tears. Thank you for the wonderful stories!

Best wishes,
Tami

Hi, Tami,

First, your art is gorgeous. Don't you just wish Mr. Tinker and Belle could live that happy, simple life forever? Belle certainly has a good life ahead of her, with lovely friends and a drive to help others, but Eggman... well, he doesn't have any friends. Besides the ones he builds.

I know what you mean about not fitting



in. Sometimes it's hard to find your place, but sometimes your place finds you... or stumbles upon you in a base abandoned by a mad scientist. I'm so glad to hear that Belle's journey moved your heart, I hope you continue to love her and what comes next!

Dear IDW,

I've been a fan of *Sonic the Hedgehog* ever since I was a little girl. It's absolutely insane how Sonic has influenced my life. To be honest, if it weren't for Sonic, I would have never been into video games at all, and I can't imagine my life without that! Sonic is also one of my biggest inspirations for art and I always made my own characters as a kid too. I'm turning 20 years old soon and it's crazy to think that during almost all of those years, Sonic has grown up with me too. I absolutely love the IDW comics. The art inspires me every time I look at it, it's so awesome seeing the different expressions! My favorite character from the comics has to be Cream. When she was infected by the metal virus, it made me tear up a bit! She is so sweet and I love her relationship with Gemerl too. I hope we get to see Cream more! As for now I love the direction the comic is going, I can't wait for the next issue! Seeing the Deadly Six in the comics is so interesting and I can't wait to see Sonic and friends kick their butts!! I hope you all have a great day and stay safe out there!

Sent with love,
Alena



Dear Alena,

It's so lovely to hear that you've been a Sonic fan for so long. Sonic is one of those unique characters that people tend to love from childhood into adulthood. The fun character design and silliness may have drawn you in as a kid, but you stuck around for the friendship, evolving characters, and epic battles. Sometimes fans stick around so long, they turn their nerdy passion into a job, like many of our artists!

Cream is the best. She's so sweet and everyone wants to protect her, but at the end of the day, she's great at sticking up for herself and those she loves. Thank you for sharing your letter and art!

Hello, this is Angel again with more action figures based on the characters from your wonderful comic! I absolutely love Rough and Tumble's whole thing, they're similar to Team Rocket in that even though they're the bad guys we can't help but root for

them a little because they're so funny. My friend Korey made some really nice 3D models of them and I used a 3D printer to make some of their parts for these custom figures. Rough is made from a mega construx minifigure and Tumble used to be Storm the Albatross. Combined with my customs of Dr. Starline and Mimic, along with the official Zavok figure (which is a little undersized, I might make a bigger one later on) I actually have the whole team from the Bad Guys special! I'm also planning on making Jewel and Belle down the line to go with Tangle and Whisper.

Hi, Angel,

Thank you so much for sharing these, I'm always amazed by your skill. Rough and Tumble turned out fantastic. You've got the whole Bad Guys team, and I'm worried what trouble they might get up to at night when you're sleeping! I can't wait to see what you do next!

Thank you for joining us, Squad. Please don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, extinguish your curiosity and find out how Amy, Tangle, Belle, and Jewel save the day!





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